

United States Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.,

MELTER AND REFINER'S DEPARTMENT,

23<sup>rd</sup> April, 1879.

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Superintendent.

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At the same time I take pleasure in relieving your mind of anxiety in relation to the quality of the present supply of coal for melting purposes. Nearly the whole of the refuse coal on hand remains from the supply of the previous contractor. The supply of coal by the Contractor since Jan<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1879 is unexceptionable, being the best Council Ridge, which was specially asked for, & has been faithfully supplied. It is moreover so free from slate & pyrites, that I doubt whether it would be worth paying an extra price for the same, specially selected by hand. Since it is the workman's personal interest not to be delayed by inferior

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J. C. Booth

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U. S. Mint, Melter and Refiner's Department,

PHILADELPHIA, PENN.,

May 26, 1879

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Melter and Refiner.

To A. L. Snowden

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